

On page 1, line 7, according to the preliminary amendment please insert:

--BACKGROUND--

✓On page 4, before paragraph 3, beginning on line 7, please insert:

--<u>SUMMARY</u>--

On page 11, please replace paragraph 1, beginning on line 1 with the following:

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Other objects and features of the present invention will become apparent from the following detailed description considered in connection with the accompanying drawings which disclose at least one embodiment of the present invention. It should be understood, however, that the drawings are designed for the purpose of illustration only and not as a definition of the limits of the invention.

In the drawings, wherein similar reference characters denote similar elements throughout the several views:--



On page 12, before paragraph 2, beginning on line 3, please insert:

## -- DETAILED DESCRIPTION --

## Please amend paragraph 2 on page 17 as follows:

FIG. 6 shows a modified embodiment of a winding carrier 4 in connection with which pole shank 7 has a largely rectangular profile whose transverse sides each are limited by a first equally legged trapezoidal element 31 and a second equally legged trapezoidal element 32, whereby first equally legged trapezoidal element 31 facing the air gap of the electrical machine forms the coil head, and second equally legged trapezoidal element 32 is facing the yoke of the carrier segment. The surface of the coil head facing the air gap may be designed in this connection with a cross section in the form of a circular segment whose curvature is dependent on the given circumference of the machine. A uniform expanse of the air gap is assured in this way in conjunction with the non-wound poles of the carrier segments.

## IN THE CLAIMS:

A marked-up copy of the amended claims is enclosed (Attachment D). Please cancel claims 1 and 2 without prejudice, amend claims 3-17, and add claim 18 as follows:

3. (Amended) The electrical machine according to claim 18, wherein said at least two winding carriers and said at least two